

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 11, line 24, as follows.

--FIG. 4 shows the printing unit 4, that is configured to be arranged in housing 100 (Figure 2) in perspective view from obliquely above. A flat conductor sheet tape 48 serves to actuate the printing unit 4. As shown in FIG. 5, the first centering elements 28a, b which are provided on the printing unit 4 interact with the second centering elements 29a, b which are provided on the transport unit 8, in such a way that centering is carried out both in the spacing direction and in the push-in direction 11 on account of the fork-shaped configuration of the first centering elements 28a, b on the printing unit 4, and the width of the sections 46, 47 on the shaft 31 at the same time ensures lateral guidance or centering. Horizontal movement play, transversely with respect to the push-in direction, is between 0.5 mm and 1.5 mm. Horizontal movement play in the push-in direction is between 0.5 mm and 1.5 mm. Vertical movement play transversely with respect to the push-in direction is between 0.5 mm and 1.5 mm.

The moveable parts interact with a sensor 102 which senses a locked position, in which the media unit 26 or the carrier 10 and the printing unit 4 are fixed in the spacing direction with respect to one another, and/or an unlocked position, in which the media unit 26 or the carrier 10 and the printing unit 4 are not fixed in the spacing direction with respect to one another. --